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FROM: COMFEAF

TO : CSAF USAF WASH DC

NR : DI-RC 0107 NOFORN 2 Feb 55 (DTG 020944Z)

The following received from CTF 74 message c/tc MG 5581, DTG 010844Z Feb 55, quoted for your information.

"Ltd Dist. NOFORN. All times H. Analysis of Indication Tachen area.

"a. Indications.

"1. 29 Jan 7 formations of unidentified acft believed of 3 Naval Air Div flew from Wei Hsien (3640 N 11900E) to Shanghai.

"2. 30 Jan 55 TU-2 covered by 17 MIGs bombed and dropped propaganda on lower Tachen.

"3. On 30 Jan no fishing boats area Tachen believed due closing of harbors.

"4. Since capture Ichiang ChiCom activity working in Ichiang fortifications and installing arty.

"5. 31 Jan 1 DD which sailed north after Ichiang atk reappeared at unknown location Tachen area.

"6. Since Ichiang atk a CP at Hsiang Shan (UC 899617) estb in Dec has been silent. On 31 Jan radio contact was made with some army hq at Hang Chow believed to be unaccepted 7 Army 3 Fld Army at Nanking and direct to Peiping.

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"7. On 31 Jan 3 unidentified and unlocated ChiCom ves made radio contact with Shanghai. 1 of them also contacted CP at Hsiang Shan, the other 2 with Ningpo.

"8. On 31 Jan 1 Nav Air Div at Shanghai ordered to contact Ningpo CP every half hour.

"9. CP of 60 Div moved from Sungmen to Chu Men (UB 320225) on 22 Jan.

"b. Analysis. The activities listed above fol a pattern similar to those just prior to Ichiang Shan atk. The reappearance of Hsiang Shan CP, the contact btwn air units, the appearance of the DD, the apparent increase ChiCom ves and the move of 60 Div CP all supp the assumption of impending ChiCom atk Tachen area. Believed ChiCom will launch atk Tachen area near future. Phib atk against Tachen directly would be very costly to ChiCom but the propaganda value and the eqp they would capture may be considered worth the losses. ChiCom has this possibility although sufficent lift not immed in evidence. Phib atk against Yu Shan or Pi Shan is more logical at this time and could succeed with relatively small losses. An atk on Pi Shan or Yu Shan would probably be accomplished by diversionary air atk Tachen. Since Yu Shan not considered posing threat to ChiCom believe this will be by passed pending capture Tachen.

"c. Conclusion. ChiCom will (1) Launch joint phib, air, surface atk Pi Shan in near future or (2) Atk Tachens directly in more distant future."

ACTION: OIN

INFO : OPD, ODC, OOP, CCS ADDED DISTR: ARMY, NSA, CIA, STATE, JCS

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